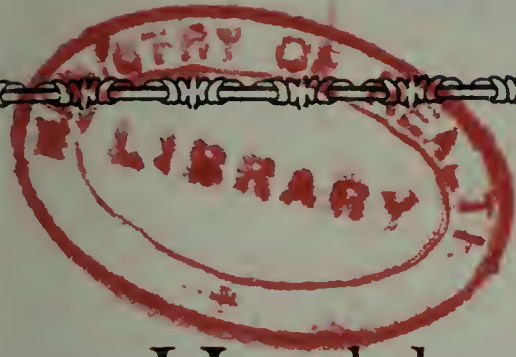


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MILFORD PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Report of Medical Officer for the Year 1938.

MILFORD HOUSE,

MILFORD HAVEN

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year, 1938.

The "Constitution of Authority"; Limit of Jurisdiction and Quarantine Station are as described in previous Report.

1. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year.

TABLE A.

Foreign	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number Reported to be Defective	Number of Vessels on which Defects were remedied	Number of Vessels Reported as having or having had during the Voyage Infectious Disease on Board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
Steamers	10	11376	2	10	nil	nil	nil
Motar & Sailing	79	2589	7	79	2	2	nil
Fishing	32	2074	10	32	nil	nil	nil
Total	121	16039	19	121	2	2	nil
Coastwise							
Steamers	76	36048	1	68	1	1	nil
Motor & Sailing	58	22068	—	43	nil	nil	nil
Fishing	4676	352298	10	3573	49	49	nil
Total	4810	410414	11	3684	50	50	nil
Total Foreign & Coastwise	4931	426453	30	3805	52	52	nil

II. Character and Trade of Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic during the year nil

(b) Cargo Traffic

Principal Imports: Fish, Artificial Manure, General Merchandise, Oil Fuel, Timber.

Principal Exports: Coal.

Foreign Countries from which Vessels arrive: Belgium, France, Spain, Holland, U.S.A., Canada.

Port Facilities.

The Milford Docks Company is sparing no effort in assisting the Fishing Industry. All approaches to the Fish Market are now concreted; a concrete truck way has been laid down between the Herring Market and the Trawl Market; and the area at the western end of the Market, where the lorries are loaded, has now been concreted. Full details of the up-to-date facilities of the Port are contained in my previous reports.

At the present time there are 97 Trawlers and 15 Drifters and Liners attached to the Port, and during most of the year a large number of Herring Drifters from the East Coast fish out of Milford. Of recent years a large number of Spanish Trawlers visit the Port during the Spring and Summer months.

III. Source of Water Supply.

(a) For the Port:—An adequate pumping plant gives a convenient supply of clean sea water for all purposes to every part of the Fish Market.

Hydrants are fitted along the Dock walls for the convenience of washing out the Fish Rooms.

(b) For Shipping:—From Milford Haven Urban District Council.

(c) Number of Water Boats and their sanitary condition
—nil.

IV. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

Under these Regulations the following proposals for Mooring Stations have been approved for Milford, Neyland, Pembroke, Haverfordwest and all other small Quays within Milford Haven, viz.:

(a) Under Article 10 (2)

“That part of the Haven bounded on the West by a line drawn 180 degrees from the flagstaff on the Fort at South Hook Point, and on the East by a line joining Little Wick No. 1 Buoy and Popton Point.”

(b) Under Article 10 (1)

“The Ships’ place of Mooring, discharge or loading.”

This agreement is subject to the following understanding.

(1) That the mooring place referred to in (a) above is for ships unhealthy under Article 12 (1) and that at (b) for all other unhealthy ships ; and

(2) That a standing exemption from detention under Article 14 has been granted by the Medical Officer in respect of ships with infectious disease (other than Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus Fever and Small Pox) on board and ships (except grain laden) otherwise clean which have arrived from areas listed under Article II.

V. Infectious Disease.

All vessels entering the Port are boarded by your Sanitary Inspector who reports any cases of infectious disease to your Medical Officer.

Arrangements have been made with the County Council for the immediate isolation and treatment of any such cases other than Yellow Fever, Cholera and Plague, at the Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital.

Here also arrangements have been made for the disinfection of infected bedding, clothing, etc, as well as for the cleansing of verminous persons. The Hospital is provided with a Motor Ambulance for conveying patients to the Hospital. In addition you have your own Hospital at Sandy Haven, where any cases of Cholera, Plague or Yellow Fever would be admitted.

TABLE C.
Cases of Infectious Diseases landed from Vessels.

During 1938	—	Nil
During last five years	—	4

TABLE D.
Cases of Infectious Diseases occurring on Vessels during the Voyage but disposed of prior to Arrival

During 1938	—	Nil
During last five years	—	Nil

The CLINIC for the treatment of Venereal Disease for the Port of Milford is at Swansea General and Eye Hospital where all Bacteriological work in connection with the Port is carried out.

Leaflets prepared and provided by the Ministry of Health giving information on the dangers of Venereal Disease and on facilities for treatment are supplied when found necessary to the crews of vessels by your Sanitary Inspector.

VI. Measures Against Rodents.

Ships that call at the Port usually stay one day to unload their cargo and to take in stores, the vessels being chiefly Trawlers and small Cargo Vessels.

If any rats are known to be aboard, instructions are given to set traps and poison baits, and if these methods do not reduce the numbers the vessel is fumigated with SO_2 which has always proved effective. Seven vessels were so treated this year.

During his inspection the Sanitary Inspector examines all food lockers, bins, trunks, etc., for traces of rats. The owners are advised to have all bins and food lockers lined with tin or sheet Iron.

Gangways are not fitted to any fishing vessel, and rat proof disc are not fitted to the mooring lines.

There being no official Rat Catcher employed no record of the rats destroyed is kept.

This is not a Deratisation Port therefore no "Port II" forms are issued.

VII. Food Inspection.

Approximate
Monthly Tonnage of Fish
landed and inspected
during the year

Month	Tonnage
January	3366
February	2794
March	3627
April	3561
May	2964
June	3626
July	3560
August	4156
September	4192
October	3103
November	3240
December	2613
Total	40802

Monthly Record of
unsound Fish condemned
surrendered & destroyed

Month	Tons	cwt.	qrs
January	—	—	3
February	—	3	0
March	—	1	2
April	—	7	0
May	—	3	3
June	—	6	0
July	—	8	1
August	—	3	3
September	—	3	3
October	—	3	0
November	—	—	3
December	—	2	1
Total	2	3	3

Shell Fish.

Cockles are caught in Pennar, Pwllcrochan and Angle Bay

Crabs and Lobster are caught at Angle and Dale.

Prawns and Mussels at Dale.

There is no danger of pollution from sewage in these districts.

Two serious cases of oil pollution have taken place during the year due to the breaking up of vessels at the local ship-breaking yards. This matter is still under your consideration.

VIII. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

TABLE J.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel	Number Inspected during 1938	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	3687		25	43
Other Nations	118	...	2	2

Your Sanitary Inspector pays special attention to the berths and living accommodation on board the trawlers, and these are kept free from vermin and as clean as possible under the circumstances of life at sea. It is well-known that the living quarters on many trawlers leave much to be desired ; and if, and when, prosperity returns to the Industry the demand for better living accommodation will become insistent. Since this report was compiled Milford Fishermen have gone in their hundreds to meet the enemy at the gate, and when they come back again to their peaceful pursuits it will be the duty of those concerned to see that the conditions of life at sea are made more attractive to this powerful, courageous breed of men.

I have to thank Mr Logan for his faithful assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. O. WILLIAMS.

